

FEAR OF ENGLAND WILL NOT DETER GERMAN ACTION

Britain Itself Has Destroyed Its Prestige of Power.

EMPIRE BECOMES LAUGHINGSTOCK

Ghosts Raised by English Press Arouse Burst of Uproarious Mirth—When Time Comes for Changing European Map, Old Influence Will Not Be Felt.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Berlin, March 8.—When Bismarck years ago in his speech uttered the famous words, "We Germans fear God, but nobody else in the world," there is no doubt that he meant what he said, but at the same time there exists at the bottom of many German hearts the firm conviction that England while alone of all European countries, remained unconquered by the great Napoleon, was still the same impregnable power, without whose consent no attempt might be made to revise the map of the world.

But belief has now vanished altogether, and Germany feels strong enough to formulate her world policies absolutely regardless of the people living on the large Channel Islands. It is the English people themselves who have destroyed Germany's ideas of their power. A nation that year after year takes no precautions to conceal that it lives in a continuous systematic state of fear and trepidation cannot expect to be looked upon as a dangerous adversary in a possible fight, and the old idea of England's imperturbability in the German mind has given way to a new idea that fright alone would be enough to kill the majority of Englishmen, if war were declared.

Mirth is Uproarious. The latest ghosts raised by the English press have provided an outbreak of uproarious mirth all over Germany, and the whole German press has been roasting fun at the English visionaries, who in their abject terror see the air filled with mysterious Zeppelins and the sea crowded with German craft, as well as shot from whose aerial torpedo tubes would be enough to sink the most formidable British "Dreadnoughts."

"Die Post" is kind enough to inform the English that it has confidential information showing that the German admiral is occupied with the idea of artificially magnetizing the rock of Heligoland, and thus converting it into a species of magnetic mountain, which would attract any British fleet approaching it with such force that the ships must inevitably be shattered by the impact. It adds that on Heligoland itself a lunatic asylum is to be built, which is to be used exclusively for crazy English journalists.

The Deutsche Tagesblatt informs the English under seal of the profoundest secrecy that a German psychologist has discovered a method of interesting and preserving all rays of light that might illuminate the brains of editors of British publications.

The Tagesblatt remarks that such fairy tales and new warships of terrifying power usually crop up in the

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Germany, leaving aside the thought of hysterical England, lays her own political plans as if that unfortunate country did not exist, reckoning in fact only with Austria, Russia and France.

As matters stand now, after the Balkan War has destroyed the old Turkish empire, Germany's first consideration is Austria, whose co-operation and friendship are necessary to the success of her plans. Austria's position at the present moment is indeed a weak one, and Germany is forced to back her up. But she will not be able to resist the dangers which threaten her from within as well as from without. The Balkan alliance has created a new strong power on Austria's eastern frontier, which has powerful allies within the empire's own frontiers, for Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Croatia and Slavonia are all inhabited by Serbs, who would ten times rather join their brethren in Serbia proper than remain under Austrian rule, and in case of a war with Serbia, Austria would not dare trust a single regiment from these districts.

Germany's future policies will be to strengthen Austria in every possible way, even if this should lead to a war with Russia, which has now completely recovered her strength after the disasters in the Far East. Germany will do everything she can to preserve peace, but realizing what is apt to happen when old Emperor Francis Joseph dies, she is now straining every nerve to increase her army to the utmost limit of her financial ability, in order to be in a position to put her foot down if the Slavs living in the dual monarchy should express a desire to secede from Austria and incorporate their districts in Serbia or Bulgaria with the willing assent of Russia. Germany's chief aim is to be powerful enough to prevent this in the event of the protest of Russia, and possibly France.

Protest Will Be Unheeded. She does not for a moment think of England, who has ceased to be a worthy foe, nor will she think of what England might say when the time comes when Turkey shall prove herself incapable of governing her Asiatic provinces. These and the time is not thought to be very far off. Germany will take Austria and anything else she wants and let England protest as much as she wants to be absolutely unheeded.

Russia's protests Germany will listen to, but she hopes to silence them by permitting Russia to do as she pleases in the direction of the frontier of India. And the funny part of it is that German statesmen are fully aware of the fact that among themselves, Englishmen still hold the old belief that England holds the balance of the world, and has but to speak to make it secure.

LIQUOR DEALERS ATTACK WEBB ACT IN LOCAL COURT

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Claim Heavy Loss. In their petition for an injunction, H. Clarke & Son set forth that the Webb-Kenyon act has no power to divert liquor shipments destined for South Carolina of their interstate character,

and that it does not prohibit the shipment of liquor intended for personal use only and not for resale. If a contrary construction is placed on the act, the dealers claim, it is unconstitutional. A similar charge is laid at the door of the South Carolina dispensary act of 1886, which, it is insisted, has no power to bar the entry of liquor shipments in compliance with the laws of interstate commerce. If it undertakes to do this, the dealers hold, it, too, is unconstitutional.

"The business of my clients in this State," said Attorney Gordon, "is being absolutely held up and is going to rack and ruin, not in the interest of the temperance cause, but for the benefit of the dispensaries of South Carolina in the licensing of which the State has given the sale of liquor a legal standing."

The dealers asked for a temporary injunction for thirty to forty days as an immediate remedy. They expressed their willingness to argue the cause on its merits with the representatives of the other side at a date to be fixed by the court. It was their purpose, they said, to ask that the injunction be made permanent.

Judge Waddill regarded the whole proceeding as of the utmost importance, and said that he was not willing either to grant or refuse an injunction until he had carefully gone into the provisions of the Webb-Kenyon law as

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Salisbury, N. C., March 8.—Falling out over the opening of a new street, D. A. Wiley and Policeman James Jones exchanged shots on the streets of Faith, Rowan County, today. Returning home from a business trip it is said Mr. Wiley found the officer with a force of hands opening a street through his property, to which he objected. He brought a shotgun into play, and it is said, knocked the officer down with the butt end of the gun. Officer Jones fired several shots, one ball taking effect in Wiley's shoulder. Both men are prominent citizens of Faith. The shooting caused much excitement.

"RIFF-RAFF FROM SOUTH" WAS FEAR OF SYLVESTER.

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march. Steps had already been taken for a thorough investigation of the matter by the police department, he said, and any breach of duty would be punished.

Major Sylvester said that the hospital reports showed only one person injured and eleven cases of exhaustion during the parade.

The committee will continue its hearing next week.

May Be Calm Before Storm.

London, March 8.—Although the militant suffragettes have given the British Isles a week of comparative calm, they have kept the police and other officials on the tiptoe of anxious anticipation, and it is feared that the calm may be merely the predecessor of another stormy outbreak.

The public recreation ground at Nottingham Forest was despoiled by women this afternoon, many of the young trees being ruined, while lamps, benches and railings were smashed. On Friday night a number of telegraph and telephone lines in the neighborhood of Glasgow were cut and cards bearing the familiar "Votes for Women" were left tacked on the poles.

When Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, and his wife, arrived at Dover to-day from a Continental trip, it was thought necessary to guard their passage from the steamer to the train by a special force of police and detectives. All the other members of the Cabinet continue to suppress so far as possible all advance news of their movements.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, militant leader, has made one public appearance since she was released from prison on her promise to refrain from

incitements to violence. Her speech on that occasion is criticized in many quarters as a violation of her promise, but her supporters defend it with the argument that it was "merely a justification of past deeds and not an incitement to new ones."

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